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COLUMN

Carpentier Not Coming Here to Fight, as He Intends to Fight for France and Only for France.

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GEORGES CARPENTIER is NOT coming to America to box, fight or give exhibitions for the Red Cross or any one else. I have made this statement before. In this column, several times during the past year. In spite of that fact a number of fly-by-night "managers" have claimed that they had "an agreement" with Carpentier, and that they were about to bring him to America. At least one of these "managers" of the noted French boxer and air-fighter picked up a nice living in New York City for some time, visiting credulous new-found acquaintances at some of our select clubs, and occasionally making a "left hook" on the strength of future funds to be obtained in some mysterious way through Carpentier's promised "tour."

My information came directly from prominent French Government officials. They informed me that not only would the French Government refuse to listen to any proposition to exploit such a war hero as Carpentier for the purpose of raising money—but that Carpentier, if asked to lend himself to any such plan, would flatly refuse. Carpentier was in the first rush of French troops to drive the Germans back from Paris. He has been actively engaged from the beginning of the war, first as driver of a military automobile at various places along the front, then as a military flyer bringing reserve machines up from the depots, and finally as an expert observer. In the latter capacity he has distinguished himself many times and has earned several decorations for feats of courage. In one case during the French advance at Verdun Carpentier flew over the German lines at a height of only sixty metres, spotted the German batteries, signalled back their position and directed the fire of the French batteries so accurately that the hidden German batteries were wiped out. For this Carpentier was commended in the Order of the Day and decorated. His flight was through a storm of machine gun and rifle bullets. He returned unhurt, but with his airplane wings riddled and the spruce uprights and supports splintered. Carpentier intends to fight for France, and only for France.

THERE is no reason why any unauthorized person should be allowed to exploit the name of such a man as Carpentier.

Also there is no reason why Jess Willard should hitch his wagon to the Carpentier star. Willard has shown no disposition to become a warrior, although from his great physical powers and the fighting courage that he really possesses, he might in some way emulate even the great Frenchman. Willard is said to have proclaimed a desire to box Carpentier "for the Red Cross."

Even if such a bout were possible it would be a shameful thing to see the Carpentier, who in his best fighting condition weighed only about 170 pounds, matched against a huge bulk of a man like Willard. No American gathering would sit still and see the French war hero hampered by a man twice his size; a man who had kept up his boxing skill by constant practice while Carpentier was fighting for France.

Willard did not add any dignity to his position as world's heavyweight champion by naming a much smaller man as a preferred opponent when there is one man in America of his own height, reach and boxing skill ready to meet him.

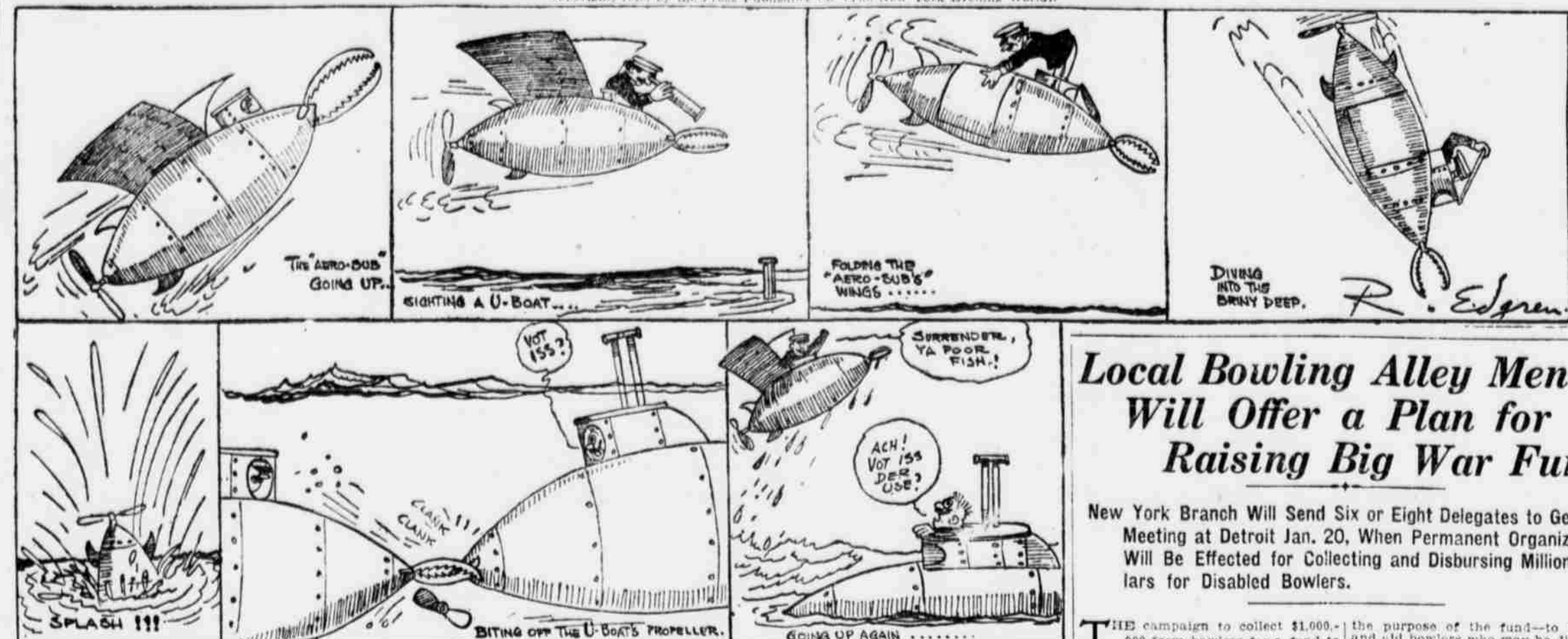
PERSONALLY, I hope I never will see Carpentier in a ring with Willard or anyone else. Carpentier has done something infinitely greater than merely winning a world's boxing championship. The ring has a distinction of its own. It is good enough in its way, and its champions deserve a certain amount of respect for what they have accomplished. But the ring is not the place where one would wish to expect to see a Lincoln, a Wilson, a La Follette, a Lathrop or a Carpentier.

It is claimed that Lieut. Resnati, the Italian flyer, has invented a flying machine that can dive into the sea and become a submarine. Imagine the sport in that! You can sail over the big salt water, pick out your submarine and go after it like a fish-bait after a fish. If the sky becomes too "max" for comfort—

## BEST SPORTING PAGE IN NEW YORK

HOW LIEUT. RESNATI'S "AERO-SUB" WILL SNAG THE U BOATS

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OVER 600 ENTRIES  
ALREADY RECEIVED  
FOR 1920 FUTURITY

John E. Madden Tops the List So Far With 133 Nominations.

Despite the shadow of war across the land and the fact that this blue ribbon fixture of the turf has now become a guaranteed stake, with a flat value of \$50,000, more entries are pouring into the offices of the Westchester Hacing Association for the Futurity that will be run at Belmont Park in 1920 than since the days when there was racing at the metropolitan tracks from April to November and the sport was in its heyday, more than a decade ago. Although the books did not close officially until midnight last night and many entries, from some of the heaviest breeders, the big Kentucky breeders are still in the mails, more than 600 blanks had passed through the hands of A. McL. Erlosker, the racing secretary.

John E. Madden leads the list so far with 133 nominations, among them the first of the get of War Rock, the wonder three-year-old of 1918, which he bought from August Belmont in the fall of that year for \$50,000.

The chairman of The Jockey Club himself is well up on the list with fifty-two nominations from his Nursery Stud.

James W. Carrigan, who will dispose of his racing stable in a fortnight, has made fifty-six entries, the prospective sons and daughters of the sire Colin, Bob, Titmus and Douglas. Fifty-two entries have been received from H. P. Whitney's Brookdale Farm, where P. Whitney has been at the head of the stable since 1904. Mrs. Herman H. Dwyer has named a dozen, the product of her Normandy Stables, the horses do whom, while the Haras du Pommery, the French breeding farm of Clarence Mackay, has sent in twenty-eight nominations.

Willis Sharpe Kilmer has nominated twenty-three of the product of his Sun Farm at Hingham, which is named in honor of his good two-year-old. Most of these are by imported sires, the son named by the late Mr. W. H. Cox has named thirteen colts or fillies, Major E. B. Cassatt nine, Joseph E. Whitney fifteen, Gifford A. Corbett fourteen, Frederick Johnson fourteen, R. T. Wilson twenty-five, most of them by Danahall, A. K. Macomber seven, and the Onck stable six.

zip—splash—down to safety with the whales. The only thing Lieut. Resnati needs to add to his invention is a strong set of mechanical teeth, so that the aero-sub can get in after a U boat and bite its propeller off.

By the way, there's an American boy—a New York amateur boxer—who would like very much to box a friendly match with Carpentier "somewhere in France." He is Leo Larner of the "Gold Club," now the 16th Infantry. Larner is a Sergeant in Company L, is 4 feet tall and weighs 125 pounds. He was champion of the regiment at Camp Mills, and went to France blind with an ambition to meet friend Carpentier before the fighting was over. He has a purely sporting set-off.

## Winter League Baseball Notes

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 4.—Branch Rickey, President of the St. Louis Cardinals, in discussing reports that he might sell Rogers Hornsby, his star shortstop, to the Chicago or New York National League Clubs, said today: "It will be safe to say that Hornsby will play with St. Louis next season. Unless Chicago meets this proposition I have made, or New York meets my terms, Hornsby will stay with St. Louis." Rickey said he might consider the sale of Hornsby to the New York Giants for cash and Fletcher, Burns, Knaff and Schupp. He said he had told President Woodman that the Chicago Cubs could have Hornsby for \$100,000 and Alexander and Vaughn.

George Lowdermilk, a former pitcher of the St. Louis Browns and Cleveland Indians, was actually the leading hurler in the American Association in the last season. His record was 17-10, with a 2.10 average. He pitched for the Browns, but Patterson and Carter, who top him together did not pitch half as many games as Lowdermilk. Fred Falkenberg, another tall slant of the pitching game, once with Washington and then with Cleveland, ranked sixth. Stroud, one time a Giant pitcher, but a failure in major league society, was Louisville's best pitcher and took tenth place.

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 4.—H. H. Frazee, President of the Boston Red Sox, today stirred fandon with the announcement that he was hot after one more ball player who would further clinch the American League pennant next summer. Refusing to disclose the player's name, he said the prospects of success were good, and if the deal is consummated it will be a "stunner."

Miller Huggins, manager of the Yankees, hasn't arrived here yet, so the smouldering question as to whether Derrill Pratt will become second base man of the club's American League team remains unanswered for another day.

Charles Monroe Tostan, pitcher of the Giants and beat catcher, had a conference with Harry N. Hempstead, President of the New York Club, and yesterday at the club's office and signed a contract for one year. He is the first of the National League players to sign for next season.

## News of Sports Told in Shorts

Two schoolboy hockey games of unusual interest will be played at the Brooklyn Ice Palace tonight, when the Brooklyn B's play Jamaica and Erasmus Hall tackles Manual Training. H. L. von Bernuth, the former Columbia and St. Nicholas player, is coaching the Brooklyn B's and believes they will have little difficulty in holding their place in the front rank of the league standing as well as maintaining their lead for the Howard trophy.

Wrestling is to invade New Haven on Jan. 15. Wladislaw Zbyszko, who has laid claim to the heavyweight championship of the world, will meet his first challenger, Dr. B. E. Rolter, in Convention Hall. The match will be a flash under catch-as-catch-can rules.

Walter Cochran defeated Albert Cutler in the 125-pound tournament for the Billiard Players' Anniversary Fund at Dave's Amusement Place last night by a score of 200 to 100. He was champion of the regiment at Camp Mills, and went to France blind with an ambition to meet friend Carpentier before the fighting was over. He has a purely sporting set-off.

The Crescent A. C. basketball team will play the Pratt Institute five in the 125-pound tournament tonight. The Crescent five will have its regular lineup on the floor with Nicolas and Calder forwards, Butler and Johnson guards and Trueman center.

RED BANK, N. J., Jan. 4.—Although a regular season was held at Robert S. Johnson's Golf and Andrew White's Browne started out for a race. They had not gone far, however, before the Browne was struck by a puff and upset. Skipper White, who made a staggered attempt to throw his craft to win, landed under the sail and the boat was wrecked. A hundred yards before the Browne was hit with one runner in the water. Another is at the bottom of the sea.

Siegfried Steinwall, son of Europe's foremost all jumpers, will try to break the record of 100 feet from Knappe, University of Chicago in the national all jumping tournament to be held at Cary, Ill., Jan. 25 and 27. His entry in the big July.

A. A. U. PLANS FOR  
THE RESUMPTION OF  
SUNDAY ROAD RACES

Fred Niles, Registration Committee Chairman, to Call Meeting of Leading Clubs.

Fred Niles, Chairman of the Registration Committee of the Metropolitan Association of the A. A. U., announces that he will call a meeting of the practically defunct Harlem, Yorkville and Bronx Athletic Leagues to make plans for a resumption of the Sunday road races, which in past years have attracted hundreds of athletes every Sunday afternoon.

"Hundreds of the boys are with the colors," said Niles at the A. A. U. office, "but that is no reason why we should not keep the interest in the sport alive among the youngsters who are just growing into the game. My plan is to hold several novice runs, and in that way stir up enough enthusiasm to make it feasible to resume the usual schedule of Sunday afternoon handicap races."

The Lower Manhattan League has been inactive since last spring and there have been few signs of life in the Long Island Athletic League since Harry Newcomb and Jimmie Y. M. C. A. clubs at the army cantonments.

## Athletic Notes

The Milrose A. C. received official notification of the award of the senior relay championship of 1½ miles to be run in conjunction with its games in Madison Square Garden on Wednesday, Jan. 23. The race is open to every club which is a member of the metropolitan district. Each team is to consist of four men to compete as follows: First man to run 100 yards; second, 220 yards; third, 160 yards; fourth, one mile. Regular Metropolitan Association medals will be awarded—gold medals to the first team, silver medals to the second team and bronze medals to the third team.

Dr. William T. Bull, Athletic Director at the Newport Naval Station, is preparing to enter a team in the game, and Dr. Harwood at Sandy Hook will be represented by at least two teams in the long war. This sport has proved popular at the training stations.

The Meadow Brook Club of Philadelphia announced yesterday that it had been unable to obtain the use of Exposition Hall for its annual indoor meet on March 8 and 9, and that the games would be held in the Second Regiment Armory instead. It is planned to devote one night to college relay races and one to club and military events.

Peter J. Park, President of the United States Football Association, announced plans for a championship series of soccer games between army cantonment teams. It is planned to play the contests in cities near the cantonments, the proceeds to go to a soldier athletic fund. Mr. Park will devote a service trophy to the winning teams. The association, he said, has sent more than 500 soccer football players to the army cantonments. The game is rapidly growing in the army.

## RACING SELECTIONS.

NEW ORLEANS.  
First Race—Saveth Subretash, Man of Honor.  
Second Race—Jas. Kay, Souvenir.  
Third Race—Blue Thistle, Sir Raymond, Sea Robin.  
Fourth Race—Horus, Kenden, Asper.  
Fifth Race—Harvard King, Irish Gentleman, Amphibian.  
Sixth Race—Lillo Shooter, Portent, Baby Larch.

"PUTTING 'EM OVER"  
WITH "BUGS" BAER

"Nothing Unusual for Coal to Come Into Pennsylvania Station—The Passengers Used to Bring It Into the Station in Their Eyes."

By Arthur "Bugs" Baer.

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No game in either league yesterday. The doubleheaders are piling up for February.

Nothing unusual for coal to come into Pennsylvania Station. The passengers used to bring it into the station in their eyes.

AND THE PENNSY KNOWS IT.

Dan Morgan says that Harry Tate has the best foul punch in the country, if that counts for anything.

LOWBRIDGE.

Now understand why Elbert wants the season shortened. Will stop his team from losing so many.

Government might also take over the big leagues and institute compulsory attendance.

Walter Johnson isn't the only bird who can make a baseball jump. The manufacturers made it jump twenty-five cents.

YEA BO!

Sula Hevonpaa is one of the most educated men who ever made a living wrestling. Sula can eat anything a chafin dish can cook.

Red ball up means that there is skating in all the Brooklyn Rapid Transit street cars.

Owing to the war, next season's uniforms will be marked by their simplicity. There will be no lace on the Carde uniforms, the Red Sox will abolish earrings and lavalieres, while the Giants will discard the ostrich feathers from their caps. The Phils also announce that as a matter of war-time economy they will eliminate the expensive seal fur trimmings from their travelling uniforms.

Figuring on the way Willard wants to fight the tickets will have to be printed on pink paper.

YOU SAID IT.

Looks like Jess has crawled into his circus and pulled the circus in after him.

Can't tell whether a Fulton-Moran fight would be good or not. They make rabbit stew out of cats nowadays.

Baseball scouts should look over the army and navy next spring. There's a lot of good ballplayers there.

BARTFIELD AND LEWIS TREAT  
SAILORS TO A REAL BOUT.

Soldier Bartfield and Ted Lewis treated the boys at the Second Naval Battalion, 52d Street, Brooklyn, to a real bout last night. And it wasn't on the schedule, either. Chief Turner and the field had boxed a three-round exhibition and so had Lewis and Ray Rivers. Then Bartfield and Lewis started some good-natured "kidding," which wound up in an argument. They agreed to settle it by boxing three rounds. It was a rough-and-tumble affair. When it was over the sailor boys had to keep them apart. Bouts are being held every two weeks for the entertainment of the boys in charge of Lieut. Dunn.

Wrestling Instead of Boxing at  
New Polo A. A.

Pop Kirk, manager of the New Polo A. A. of Harlem, has cancelled his boxing entertainment for tonight and is going to run a wrestling tournament consisting of three Finnish matches between six of the foremost wrestlers in the country. Four local prizes will go to the first two matches, and Louis Nelson, welterweight champion of the world, who has recently defeated Will Pinguish and Nino at Rother's Gym, will try to still with Bob Dily, Yorkville's welterweight.

Among the Sporting Records of the  
1918 World Almanac

Here Are a Few of the Important Ones:

Baseball	Wrestling	Billiards and Pool
Football	Fencing	Chess
Cycling	Swimming	Basket Ball
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Boxing	Ice Skating	Hockey
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